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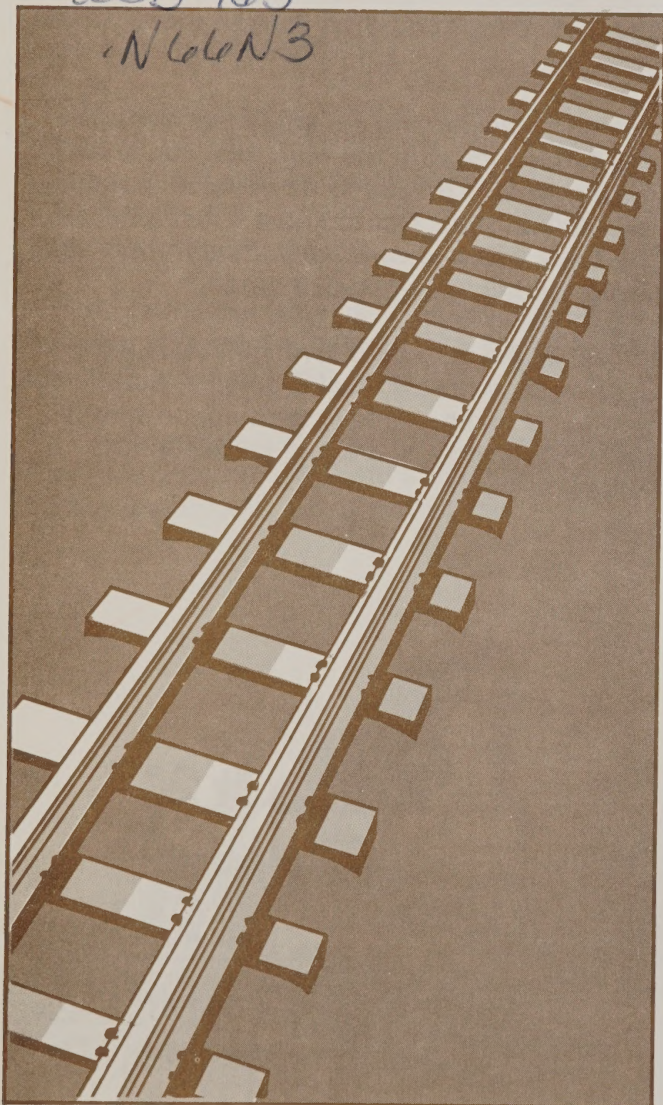
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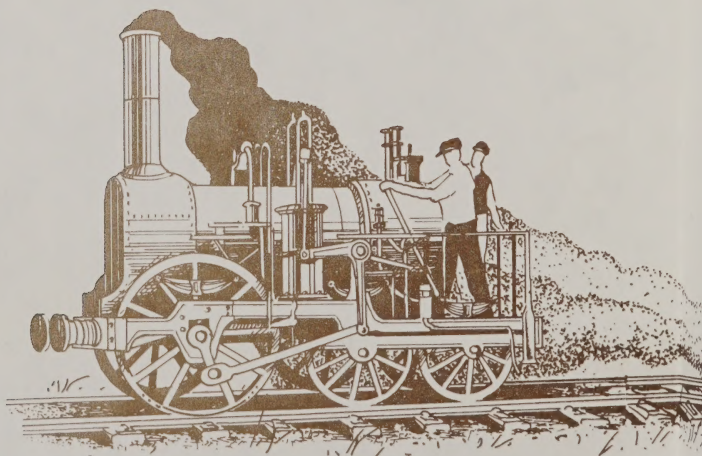
If you do not have a railroad fire prevention plan, consider developing one.

If you do have a current plan, spring is a good time to review it and bring it up to date. The following sequence may be helpful.

1. Railroad fire occurrence maps and overlays should be reviewed and brought up to date. Identify new problem areas. Identify any changes. Determine what caused these changes.

2. Schedule and complete top management meetings with the railroads. Top level meetings have proved to be of value in reducing railroad fires. Get to know “their side” of the story. *Work toward commitment from both sides.* Be honest with each other.

3. Make sure field level meetings have been held to review local problems, outline action to be taken, agree (in writing) on who is going to do what and agree on deadlines. Follow through.



4. Review communication plans and channels. Refresh memories; update call lists with correct names and telephone numbers. Meet “the face on the other end.” Review and refine procedures and agreements. **ASSUME NOTHING!**

5. Coordinate plans and efforts between agencies, railroads, other suppression and detection forces, and neighboring states. Trains cross boundaries—ideas don’t, unless someone communicates.

6. Remind all personnel of the need to report all railroad fires promptly and completely. Make sure everyone *knows* and *understands* the need for complete and accurate figures.

7. Complete training in determination of specific railroad fire causes. The key to solving the problem is to know what it is.

Railroad-caused wildfires are preventable. They are about the only fires that you know will occur, and usually when and where.



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